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EA FOR OAKLEY AND MURPHY

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MARR, RP
SUBJECT: MILITARY-TO-MILITARY DISCUSSIONS

REF: CINCPAC 270821 MAY 78

1. WE UNDERSTAND FROM REAR ADMIRAL HARDISTY THAT
REFTEL WAS APPROPRIATELY VETTED IN WASHINGTON. (THIS
IS SUPPORTED BY BLEAKLEY-CONNORS TELECON MAY 25.)
WHILE WE HAVE NO REPEAT NO PROBLEM WITH CONTENT OF
CINCPAC'S INSTRUCTION, WE WOULD BE MORE COMFORTABLE IF
WE HAD EXPLICIT CABLESASSURANCE (TO US AND MILITARY
ADDRESSEES) THAT THIS IS THE WAY STATE WISHES THE
DISCUSSION PROCESS TO PROCEED. WHILE WE UNDERSTAND
CINCPAC'S INTEREST IN PLAYING A CENTRAL ROLE IN THESE
MILITARY-TO-MILITARY DISCUSSIONS, WE SEE MERIT IN CON-
TINUING TO MAINTAIN VISIBLE, OVERALL DIRECTION FROM STATE.

2. ON NEXT STEPS IN THE DISCUSSION PROCESS, ESPINO
HAS ASKED HARDISTY AND POSTON TO COME TO AN INITIAL
MEETING IN HIS OFFICE THURSDAY, JUNE 1. TOUSSAINT

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